

July 24-25, 2008 Council Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Full Council Meeting

July 24-25, 2008

Marriott Springhill Suites, Boise Idaho

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| <p>Call to order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome and Introductions- Explanation of and selection of Work Teams and Committees | <p>James Steed called the meeting to order at 8:40 am. Marilyn presented information about the 3 Project Work Teams and 3 Committees. Everyone was asked to select a first and second choice for both a Project Work Team and a Committee. The following members are on these groups:</p> <p><u>Public Policy</u>: Jim Baugh, Julie Fodor, Corinne Johnson, Joni Sullivan, Jo Lynn Garrison, James Steed, Bob Jackson, Shiloh Blackburn</p> <p><u>Membership</u>: Alonzo Statham, Gioia Frahm, Kristyn Herbert, Jane Donnellan, Mitch Scoggins, Beth Cunningham</p> <p><u>Governance</u>: Dona Butler, Angie Flores, Mike Smith, Chris Lynch, Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Rick Betzer</p> <p><u>Absent</u>: Lisa Robbe, Bill Elvey, Leslie Clement</p> <p>Work Teams were chosen:</p> <p><u>Education</u>: Chris Lynch, Jo Lynn Garrison, Julie Fodor, Bob Jackson, Corinne Johnson, Mitch Scoggins, Mike Smith, Bill Elvey</p> <p><u>Self-Advocacy</u>: James Steed, Angie Flores, Jim Baugh, Kristyn Herbert, Alonzo Statham, Toni Belknap-Brinegar</p> <p><u>Community Living</u>: Beth Cunningham, Joni Sullivan, Dona Butler, Shiloh Blackburn, Gioia Frahm, Jane Donnellan</p> <p><u>Absent</u>: Lisa Robbe, Rick Betzer, Leslie Clement</p> |
| <p>Meet in Work Teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Education/Participant Directed Services- Community Living- Self Advocacy/Self Determination | <p>Council broke to meet in work teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Education/Participant Directed Services- Community Living- Self Advocacy/Self Determination |

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| <p>Meet in Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance - Membership - Public Policy | <p>Following lunch, the Council met in committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance - Membership - Public Policy |
| <p>Reconvene in Full Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcements - Review of agenda | <p>Rick Betzer reconvened the meeting at 2:30pm, Thursday, July 24, 2008 and asked for introductions around the table.</p> <p><u>Council Members Present:</u> Jim Baugh, Julie Fodor, Corinne Johnson, Joni Sullivan, Jo Lynn Garrison, James Steed, Bob Jackson, Shiloh Blackburn, Alonzo Statham, Gioia Frahm, Kristyn Herbert, Jane Donnellan, Mitch Scoggins, Beth Cunningham, Dona Butler Angie Flores, Mike Smith, Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Chris Lynch</p> <p><u>Council Members Absent:</u> Lisa Robbe, Leslie Clement, <u>Staff Present:</u> Marilyn Sword, Amanda Holloway, Samantha Wallace, Ron Enright, Christine Pisani, Tracy Warren</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> Tammy Perkins, Lindsay Russell, Sue Broetje, Michelle Britton, Jean Christensen</p> |
| <p>Approval of April 24-25, 2008 Minutes</p> | <p><i>The minutes from the April 24-25, 2008 were approved unanimously with a motion from Mitch Scoggins and a second from Angie Flores. Alonzo Statham announced that elections for Vice-Chair and Consumer Representative would be held Friday morning. Individuals may nominate themselves or another person with that person's permission.</i></p> <p>Marilyn welcomed Tammy Perkins and Lindsay Russell from the Office of Governor Otter.</p> |
| <p>Chair's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Rick Betzer</i> | <p>Rick Betzer gave the Chair's report. He reported on the Partners Institute, the NACDD conference, and the Medicaid moratorium.</p> |
| <p>NACDD Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Rick Betzer</i> | <p>The draft agenda for the NACDD Annual Conference (Taking Flight) was distributed to the Council. In the past NACDD has given \$500 to</p> |

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| | <p>support a self- advocate to attend the conference. The “Region X DD Councils’ Perspectives on Current Issues in Developmental Disabilities” was distributed to the Council.</p> |
| <p>Update on changes at Idaho State School and Hospital (ISSH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Michelle Britton</i> - <i>Sue Broetje</i> | <p>Michelle Britton reported on changes at Idaho State School and Hospital. DD Staff in each region are going to provide training to service coordinators, DDA providers, etc. with the idea that we will help them be aware of the need for earlier crisis prevention. Crisis beds for temporary placement while things are worked through have been identified. Regional clinics will be held. 12 individuals have been discharged from the campus. There are 40-50 clients whose guardians do not want them to leave ISSH.</p> <p>Michelle talked about staffing the mental health unit, the need to construct 2 more buildings, and about transferring staff and resources. Residences will be used for getting individuals ready for the community. There are tight partnerships w/ the Dept. of Juvenile Corrections and Dept. of Corrections, and the biggest challenge is admissions.</p> <p>Toni Belknap-Brinegar pointed out that police are referring people to ISSH. Michelle informed the Council that the staff is meeting with law enforcement and local hospitals to bring the training to them as well about this issue.</p> <p>Current statistics:</p> <p>32 beds in 2 units, 16-18 in Redwood</p> <p>55 capacity</p> <p>22 in medical building</p> <p>Licensing at 75</p> <p>Tracy Warren asked if there is community capacity for people from one building to the new building. Michelle explained that the current residents in the buildings is more of an issue than community capacity. Most discharges have gone to the waiver</p> |

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| <p>Update on changes at Idaho State School and Hospital (ISSH) - cont'd</p> | <p>apartments.</p> <p>Michelle explained that Birch needs to be vacant for remodel to a psychiatric unit. This is one of 3 identical buildings, with 20 residents each, and the plan is to create 40-60 beds out of those for mentally ill patients. It is unknown yet how these buildings will be licensed, individually or together.</p> <p>Children at ISSH are not kept in separate buildings from the adults (some adults are 19-20) but they are placed in a different end of one of the buildings. If kids have substantial needs, resources are found for them. For parents to get services for children, they need to contact the regional DD program, they can start with IBI, and the RMS can ask for help. To date there haven't been any problems with this.</p> <p>Residential treatment centers and therapeutic foster homes are available for children with mental illness.</p> <p>During the current discharge process they talk about all options including self-direction. There is training available to the guardian and client if they choose that route.</p> <p>Is the regional Medicaid unit allowing people without a budget to exit ISSH? That process will be worked out with Medicaid.</p> <p>Michelle explained that most of the private beds are full and that they are not being used as crisis beds.</p> |
| <p>Update on Medicaid - <i>Quality Assurance Oversight Committee</i></p> | <p>Marilyn updated the Council on the Quality Assurance Oversight Committee. The committee was appointed this spring and had its first meeting in June with the next one planned for October 21. The committee members are: Tim Gerlitz, Marilyn Sword, Cindy McLouth, Thomas McKnight, Kristyn Herbert, Ron Halverson, Carol Carnahan, and Susan Pridgen.</p> <p>The draft minutes from the June meeting were distributed to the Council. Marilyn explained that the first meeting was foundational and an overview</p> |

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| <p>Update on Medicaid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Quality Assurance Oversight Committee (cont'd)</i> - <i>Self Direction expansion/train the trainer</i> - <i>Family Directed Services</i> | <p>of the rules and the history of self-direction in Idaho were discussed. Not a lot of real QA issues were discussed, although there was a good discussion regarding the contract with Acumen. This will be discussed further in the fall meeting.</p> <p>Jean Christensen discussed expansion of the self directed services option and the planned Train the Trainer session. The option was initially offered in Boise, Pocatello, and Lewiston for first 6 months starting in January, 2007. The first plan was authorized in June, 2008.</p> <p>Currently there have been 33 plans approved. There were 21 approved in Boise, 10 approved in Region 2, and 2 approved in Region 6. Currently Region 1 has 3 support brokers, Region 2 has 8 support brokers, Region 3 has 12 support brokers, Region 5 has 2 support brokers, and Region 6 has 5 support brokers.</p> <p>Some primary ways of expanding were discussed. Informational letters will be going out a month prior to individual's annual re-determination. Train the Trainer session is scheduled for August. Medicaid is developing a marketing video featuring people who have been using self direction. Most regions have scheduled meetings through December. Region 5 collaborated with Acumen for a picnic; there were 45 people in attendance. There are brochures available in the offices of the independent assessment providers (IAPs).</p> <p>Currently Medicaid is working on identifying areas that are barriers or that are complicated and providing information about that.</p> <p>Tracy updated the Council on Family-Directed Services. The task force has not been meeting. Medicaid has been working at what the next steps are in implementing family directed services in Idaho. We cannot do this through amending a</p> |
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| <p>- <i>School-Based Medicaid Services</i></p> | <p>children's waiver because we don't have one in Idaho. Federal Medicaid officials have approved Idaho's Benchmark plan; Medicaid is putting together a white paper to discuss with the federal office; they are also working on individualized budgeting for children. There would be an assessment to set an appropriate budget for each child. A promotional brochure is being developed that would be used to recruit families who want to test the assessment and budget setting methods. It is likely this will not happen until next year.</p> <p>Tracy discussed School-Based Medicaid Services. Private provider agencies have staff coming into the school to provide services during the day and then billing Medicaid directly. Schools have to provide the state match (30%) for federal funds (70%). Schools were having difficulty and this was having an impact on parents getting the help they needed for their child during school. Some provider agencies have set up private schools to provide services during the day. A task force was brought together. There was a Medicaid Policy release in May which said that during the school day, all Medicaid reimbursed services must be billed through the school, and issues have risen from this.</p> <p>Jim Baugh explained that this can cause problems for several classes of children. Preschoolers with disabilities (ages 3-5) may be affected because they are not allowed to pay for integrated private programs. Home-schooled children/Children attending private schools may be affected. Children who attend school districts that refuse to bill Medicaid will be affected. Children between 16-21 may be affected because if the school environment is not pleasant or relevant, they might want to leave the school and search for other options. This causes problems because if you leave you are not eligible for</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>School-Based Medicaid Services (cont'd)</i> | <p>these services until after school hours.</p> <p>The Public Policy committee wants to talk to Medicaid and the Governor to discuss the issues with this and what the next steps are for the Council. The Council has also been working to try to get the Department of Education and Medicaid to come together and collaborate on this issue.</p> |
| <p>Miscellaneous</p> | <p>Marilyn reported that the Council may acquire an accessible van. Vans from both ISSH and State Hospital South are being surplusd and would be available to us if they meet are needs and are in good enough shape. We will continue to work on this.</p> <p>Meeting recessed at 5:10 for member to travel to a barbeque at Municipal Park.</p> |
| <p>Council Barbecue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member Reports - Team Building | <p>Council members had dinner and divided into three teams to engage in a team building activity.</p> |
| <p>Council reconvene</p> <p>CPI conference announcement</p> <p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Policy | <p>The Council reconvened at 8:40 am on Friday, July 25.</p> <p>Marilyn distributed CPI conference flyers and explained how the Council is a major sponsor this year. She encouraged Council members to attend and explained how there is a reduced registration price for our members. Dale DiLeo will be presenting. The conference dates are Oct 9-10, in Boise.</p> <p>James Steed gave the Public Policy Committee report. He explained the position paper CID wrote for Home Community Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid Rates. Provider rates have not kept up with the current cost of living. The position is to insure some rate increase this next legislative session. CID would like the Council's support. <i>Motion by Jim Baugh and second by Bob Jackson that the Council endorse the CID position statement. Motion carried.</i></p> |

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| <p>- Public Policy (cont'd)</p> | <p>Jim explained that over the last 7 years there has been a rate increase of about 7%. The question used to be if we increased provider rates would we have to decrease service hours. Agencies are losing money providing services at the current rates. With the current rates it's hard to get or keep quality providers. These positions aren't at minimum wage, so increases do not affect current rates.</p> <p>Tracy mentioned at the last Council meeting we discussed how to get the word out about aversives and the Council position paper developed on this topic. Jacque Hyatt didn't believe Special Education Advisory Panel was the best place. She thought the State Department of Education should write a response letter to our position. The position is posted on the website (Legislative Advocacy page?). There is also a link to a national informational webpage.</p> |
| <p>- Governance</p> | <p>Toni Belknap-Brinegar gave the Governance Committee report. The support person code of conduct form was signed by all support staff assisting at this meeting. There was a conference funding request for a family to attend a Cytomegalovirus (CMV) conference which was approved. The Council will pay the cost for one of the parents to attend a subsequent Council meeting to give a report regarding this condition. The Governance Committee made some additions to Policy 107 (6. <i>In the case of Council members or committees requesting information or assistance without Council authorization, the Executive Director can refuse such requests that require, in the Executive Director's judgment, a material amount of staff time, or funds, and/or are disruptive</i> – additions in bold), and Policy 106 (strike "or workgroups" within policy I-4); work groups will continue to use a format for discussion but will not keep and post minutes of these</p> |

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| <p>- Membership</p> <p>Consumer Leadership</p> | <p>discussions. There was a lengthy discussion of Policy 103 dealing with compensation for Council members who are using vacation or leave without pay to attend Council meetings. Marilyn will modify the letter she uses to encourage employers to pay for the employee's time to attend Council meetings. For those whose employer will not pay for their time, the compensation level set out in Policy 103 N will be increased from \$35 to \$50. <i>Motion by Mike Smith and a second by Alonzo Statham to accept these changes to Council policies; motion carried</i></p> <p>Rick Betzer reported that the evaluation for Marilyn Sword has been completed.</p> <p>Alonzo Statham gave the Membership Committee report. In the future, applicant interviews will be done before the Membership Committee reviews applications. The recruitment section in Policy 103 will be reviewed and revised as necessary; any changes effected will be referred to the Governance Committee. Reference checks will be done only on applicants being considered for appointment. Bob Jackson suggested turning the on-line application into a Word document.</p> <p>Shiloh Blackburn gave the Consumer Leadership Report. Recommendations will be given to the Public Policy Committee about alternatives to guardianship in October.</p> <p>Handbook on guardianship alternatives to be developed by James Steed and Angie Flores and to be presented to the Consumer Caucus in October.</p> |
| <p>Financial Report</p> <p>- Amanda Holloway</p> | <p>Amanda Holloway gave the financial report. <i>Motion to accept the minutes with the date change by Bob Jackson, second by James Steed, motion carried unanimously.</i></p> |

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| Progress Report on 2008 Workplan Activities - see new format at Tab 10 | Tracy discussed the new format for reporting the work plan activities. Staff presented the progress toward goals in each of the life areas. Council members felt that this format was clear and useful. |
| BREAK | Beth Cunningham presented a project that she has been working on with Rebecca Evans. It is a series of children's books called "Yes I Can", with each book featuring a real person with a disability. The target audience for these books is pre-school age children. The first book features Kristyn Herbert. A doll may also be created to be sold with the book. There will be a booth with the books at the October conference. Both the Council and Community Partnerships are sponsors of this project. |
| 2009 Workplan | The 2009 work plan was presented to the Council by Council staff with amendments. Jim Baugh explained high priority votes from the Co-Ad work plan. <i>Motion by Bob Jackson and a second by Corinne Johnson to approve the Council plan as amended. Motion carried.</i> |
| Election of Vice-Chair and Consumer Representative | Nominations for Vice-Chair were taken. Corinne Johnson nominated James Steed. Mike Smith nominated himself. <i>James Steed was re-elected as Vice Chair.</i> Nominations for Consumer Representative were taken. Mike Smith nominated himself. Corinne Johnson nominated Shiloh Blackburn. Alonzo Statham nominated himself. <i>Alonzo Statham was elected Consumer Representative.</i> |
| Agenda items for next meeting: October 22-24, 2008 at Hampton Inn, Downtown Boise | The Membership Committee has two items: -presentation; hear perspective from organization in Twin Falls -Community Now Presentation; Community Now is currently working to get hand-baskets back in the Winco Stores -Matt Wappett will be coming down to Fall meeting |

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| | <p>to give a report to Education Work Group on the inclusion study; All Council members may want to hear the report</p> <p>-Medicaid changes to be presented by Leslie Clement</p> |
| Set dates for 2009 | <p>FYI/Announcements:</p> <p>-Walk and Roll for Inclusion in Pocatello Mayor to do proclamation; ADA Day to be declared</p> <p>-Tracy reported on the Youth Leadership Forum that was held in Boise in June.</p> <p>Meeting Dates:</p> <p>Fall, 2008: October 22-24</p> <p>Winter, 2009: January 28-30; alternate date of Jan. 21-23</p> <p>Spring, 2009: April 22-24; alternate date of Apr. 29-May 1</p> <p>Summer, 2009: July 22-24; alternate date of July 29-31</p> <p>Fall, 2009: October 21-23; alternate date of October 28-29</p> |
| Meeting Evaluation and Adjourn | <p>Evaluation forms were distributed. The meeting adjourned at 12:15.</p> |